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National Black News Survey

National home prices on rebound

Home prices across the U.S. rose to a 3.4 percent annual rate the first quarter of 1994, according to a survey performed by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. and the Federal National Mortgage Association. National home prices rose an average 3.3 percent the last 12 months and 16.2 percent the last five years. Inflation rose at a 2.7 percent annual rate in 1993 and is expected to climb about 3 percent this year. "A home worth \$100,000 a year ago is worth \$103,400. And it's because the downward pressure homes have been under in the past," says Freddie Mac spokesman Neal McGarity.

Southern home-owners least likely to spend on home maintenance

Fifty-six percent of homeowners in the nation's Southern region spent money on home maintenance, compared to 64 percent in the West and Midwest and 66 percent in the Northeast, according to a report from the U.S. Commerce Department's Census Bureau. The researchers say that the South contains a relatively large number of mobile homes and newly built homes and lower income households, all groups with lower rates of maintenance and improvements. For example, 52 percent of homeowners with incomes of \$50,000 or more spent some money on a home improvement compared with 37 percent for homeowners with incomes less than \$20,000. "Therefore, homeowners in the South are not likely to do home improvements," says report author Barbara Williams. "However, due to the large size of the Southern region, it had the largest number of households paying for either maintenance or home improvements," she said.

NNPA and black press still hold complaints against Denny's

Although Denny's parent company, Flagstar Companies, has settled a suit against them by thousands of black customers with \$46 million, two major black organizations are still not happy with Denny's. In 1993, Flagstar made an agreement with the NAACP to do nearly \$1 billion worth of business with blacks in a variety of fields including professional services, purchasing, marketing, the supplying of materials and products and franchises. The NAACP says that "This has not been fulfilled." The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) says that an agreement was made by Flagstar chairman, Jerome Richardson, to do \$1 million worth of business with the black print media. "They too say that the terms of their agreement have not been met. The NNPA and the NAACP say that Flagstar and Denny's officials will have to come back to the table before they will consider the agreements have been made whole."

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One on one with Sen. Bradley

by Janine Kelly

Senator Bill Bradley said in a phone interview with the City News publisher Dr. Henry C. Johnson and other weekly newspapers last week, that one of the issues he is currently working on is to stop the violence in urban communities. "Violence is fed by many fine threads that range from drugs, to family disintegration, to poverty, to the need for very strict and tough punishment in a whole range of areas, and the government has a role to play here. If we're honest about violence, and my effort was to talk honestly about it in our society, then we have to realize that the real answer is probably going to come closer to home than it is from Washington, D.C. The federal government can take some steps to help solve the problem, but the bulk of the effort has to be made from the state and local level because the federal government only has about 13 percent of the resources that are used to fight crime in America."

According to Bradley, "Answers to the problems rest with the individuals taking actions in their own communities and in some cases in their own homes since one study showed between 1974 and 1985, that half of the women who were murdered were murdered by their partners. So, I think government can play an important role."

One of the major initiatives the Senator has proposed is a crime bill. The bill includes: Community Schools which is his initiative to keep schools open till the evening, on the weekends and in the summer, so that communities can use those facilities. Community police—an attempt to put more police on the streets in addition to the effort to crack down on



Senator Bill Bradley is joined by the City News staff from left, Dara Scott, subscription sales; Henry Johnson, publisher and president; Beverly Muhammed, administrative assistant; Steven Green, editorial assistant; CJ Johnson, publisher's son Sandra Wright, assistant editor; Camille Edgenton, creative director; YES Magazine, Bradley, Jan Johnson Managing editor and vice president; Connie Wedroff, columnist and Lorraine Hickman, director advertising sales.

guns. The bill requires anyone who buys a gun to carry a photo ID. "We need to close the gaps by which guns go from the legal to the illegal market," Bradley argues.

Another explosive issue, according to Bradley, is pension pay for Americans. "Whether we work for a company for forty years or jump from job to job, I think a guaranteed portable pension is vital to Americans, particularly in an economy where

things are changing very rapidly. I'll be looking to see if our pension laws reflect that need. However, we'll never have economic security until the economy is growing again." Senator Bradley suggested that federal spending needs to be reduced. "I think the President should have the Line Item Veto. I've introduced a plan to change the way Congress spends money, to make it easier to make real cuts than it is for Congress to increase taxes, and

hopefully it will produce another round of significant budget cuts."

Out of concern for the urban community, Dr. Johnson asked the Senator what his and the federal government's direction is for schools. "First, I think it's important to have a particular point of view, and that is for everybody in New Jersey and for that matter, everybody in the country to understand that

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Discrimination in the police force

White officer tries to win PBA elections by having state officials disqualify black opponents

by Janine Kelly

East Orange, New Jersey's black police officers are protesting the disqualification of black East Orange police officers who are running for President of Local #16, Gary Griffin, an out-spoken Black Cop Against Police Brutality member, and Charles Hall have been disqualified by the New Jersey State Police Benevolent Association (PBAA) and the Fraternal Order of Police organization (FOP).

According to Officer Gary Griffin, he and Hall have been disqualified from the ballot for

having dual membership in both the PBA and the FOP. Detective Thomas Koudry, a white East Orange police officer and current PBA vice-president, challenged the nomination of both officers despite his prior dual membership to both the PBA and FOP.

Elections went forward on June 16 without representation from the East Orange black police officers, 85 percent of 270 officers. The votes have not been counted as of the morning of June 17.

Attorneys for the black officers are seeking a court order to invalidate the election results on the basis of discrimination and arbitrary enforcement of union by-laws.

Detective Rose Wilson, president of East Orange Kinsmen who is opposed to the PBA officials' decision to disqualify Hall and Griffin, went to protest the election. Wilson says that she and Eric Washington, president of the PBA, had a serious altercation regarding the issue.

"I stated that the attorneys for the two black police officers are seeking a court order, and we are trying to get this election thrown out. I stated that I didn't think it was right what they're doing. Eric, who is also

black just went off on me and cussed me out. He called me a 'black nigger' and said he was 'tired of my s---', and threatened to do bodily harm to me. One of the other guys in there just grabbed me and said, 'Rose just got out of here.' I left and now I am filing a complaint against Eric Washington."

Meanwhile, Eric Washington and Detective Thomas Koudry, could not be reached for comment. It remains to be seen whether the attorneys for the black police officers will be able to invalidate the election results on the basis of discrimination.

James protests

TV Commercials

New York if that is your wish. But must you do it at Newark's expense?

James explained that "high-rise public housing in Newark and in other cities across the nation has failed for all the reasons you have mentioned and more. However, merging our housing police force with the Newark Police Department is not the reason we implemented the Columbus Homes housing projects. We did so to enable our citizens to live in a safe, decent, attractive units, not to force them to continue to be stockpiled on top of one another in reservations for the poor."

The mayor went on to say "Public housing projects in Newark are being demolished because they were a mistake. Nobody—regardless of their sinning or should live under the conditions that projects force upon a person. It is wrong to put people in over-sized filling cabins."

"Thankfully, Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros understands this and is willing to work with the City of Newark to give us the kind of public housing our citizens need and want," Mayor James added. "Harold Lucas, executive director of the Newark Housing Authority, is ensuring that beautiful, affordable townhouses take the place of these high-rise projects."

Mayor James congratulated television stations WPIX, WABC and WNYC for rejecting the commercials, and expressed disappointment in WCBS, WNBC and cable television's Channel 1 in New York for carrying the spot. "I thought they had higher standards," he said.

Jaguar sacks official for racist remark

WASHINGTON, DC—The top U.S. spokesman for British car maker Jaguar, who used a racial slur during a talk with a group of Washington, DC area journalists, resigned his position in late May. John Crawford, former vice president for public affairs for Jaguar, during a luncheon meeting at the Four Seasons Hotel with journalists referred to rival car maker Mercedes-Benz as the "biggest nigger in the woodpile."

Crawford later sent letters of apology to each reporter present, including Washington Post writer Warren Brown, the only African American present, admitting he was guilty of "gross insensitivity."

At first, Crawford's remarks were published, Ford announced it would suspend him pending an investigation. "I don't think the punishment fits the crime," Crawford told *Automotive News* before his resignation was announced. "I hope cooler heads prevail."

A native of Australia, Crawford, 50, started with the company in 1977. He said that the phrase he used is "unfortunately in common usage." Down Under, that it slipped out due to his thoughtlessness.

But "cooler heads" did not prevail and Crawford, who came to the U.S. in 1990, was sacked. Asked if Crawford's resignation was linked to the racial slur he uttered, a Ford spokesman told *USA Today*, "Certainly." Ford Motor Company bought Jaguar in 1989 for \$2.4 billion.

Many blacks say the "woodpile" phrase has bad connotations. Callers to a Washington black-oriented talk show program were unanimous in their opposition to Crawford and his statement, most saying that it was "racist" and "demeaning."

The flap was made public when Edgar Henry, an automotive writer and president of the Washington Automotive Press Association (WAPA), who was not present at the event, wrote a letter to Crawford admonishing him for the remarks. Blair Walker, an *African American* writer with *USA Today* and *Gannett News Service*, followed up on Henry's letter and what was "alleged" to be Crawford's remarks, at the time, and put the story on the wire service. "If Ed Henry and Blair Walker had not put the story out it would have continued to be a private joke among the industry's 'good old boys,'" said William Reed, president of *African Americans on Wheels* magazine.

Henry, who has been president of the media group for two terms, says, "I know that my fellow WAPA members don't feel my pain that such a comment is still being made around dinner tables in this country. But what does concern me is that people who have such influence over public issues and opinions don't support my trying to make sure that this isn't done again."

"I think that Ford and Jaguar should try to see what Henry and Walker saw and bend over backwards to get this whole situation straight. Getting it straight means a greater

Jaguar presence in African American affairs," says Reed, also a member of WAPA. Post reporter Brown, a member of WAPA and a frequent visitor to automotive plants and offices, has also stated that Crawford was treated too harshly, saying "I'm a great believer in giving people a second chance or a third chance if it's merited." Brown said, "If it were up to me, I would have given (Crawford) a second chance." His remarks caused a firestorm among the African-American community.

Henry has reported that many of WAPA's members, which include members of the Washington area print and broadcast press, have sought to censor him for writing the letter saying that it reflected "His views" and not those of the organization, which is 90 percent white.

Brown said that he has received numerous hostile phone calls at work after his statement of the punishment being "too harsh" was reported. The story was reported on Washington's black-owned WOL-AM radio station and many callers to the *Carly* radio show have called him to tell him that they think that Ford and U.S. Jaguar officials need to look at the broader situation surrounding the story. If Warren didn't work for the Post he would not have been there, and

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Newark Mayor Sharpe James

NEWARK—Newark Mayor Sharpe James expressed his disagreement with television commercials by the housing police in New York that depict public housing in Newark as "crime dens." The New York housing police union is fighting a plan by Mayor Rudy Giuliani to merge the New York housing police with the regular police force. In his letter to the New York Housing Police Union President Tim Nickels, James said, "As Mayor of the City of Newark, New Jersey, I take great exception to your commercials misrepresenting public housing in Newark as an example of what could happen in New York if the housing police are merged with regular police."

"This is a free country," James said, "and you have every right to speak out against the merger. Take on the Mayor of

Community Calendar

MONTECLAIR—The Girl Scout Council of Greater Essex County will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and is looking for women over age 40 for the alumnae celebration and special events. For more info call Virginia Reed Brett 201-740-9200.

NOW THRU JUNE 26

SOMERSET—"A Kingdom for a Stage." The County will host its 6th Annual Renaissance Festival of Somerset. Bring the family to a day of fun, as you take a journey through medieval times. Weekends Only, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more info call 509-271-1119.

NOW THRU JUNE 30

NEW YORK/Peter Fontanesi, Hispanic community and political activist has announced the formation of the Association of Cubeleros. The purpose of this organization will be primarily to participate in the annual Puerto Rican Day Parade and to assist in the economic and cultural development of the island of Cuba. Mr. Fontanesi is requesting that all Puerto Ricans who have ties to Cubeleros contact him at 912-391-9892.

SUNDAYS ONLY TILL JUNE 30

MOUNTAINIDE—"Jupiter the Giant" is the subject of The Trailside Planetarium show during the month of June. Only children 8 yrs and up are admitted. Show time 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. For more info call 908-789-3670

WEDNESDAY JUNE 22, TO AUG. 31

UNION COUNTY—The 1994 Summer Arts Festival will be held again this year at the beautiful Echo Lake Park on the Westfield/Mountainide border. Held every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., the schedule is filled with a wide array of music to fit most tastes. For more info call 808-527-4900. Bring a chair or a blanket. FREE

WEDNESDAY JUNE 22

PLAINFIELD—There will be a meeting of the Plainfield/Federalism Agency at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Library. For more info call (800)753-3802.

THURSDAY JUNE 23

PLAINFIELD—The Literacy Volunteers of America will have their Open House at Plainfield Public Library from 7 pm to 9 pm in the Meeting Room. For more info call Mark Van Lummel at 908-757-1111.

FRIDAY JUNE 24

EAST ORANGE—The East Orange Public Library will be featuring the film "UFO: The Unsolved Mystery" in the Main Library East Orange Room, 7:30 p.m. For more info call 201-266-5600.

SATURDAY JUNE 25

PLAINFIELD—YEM Fashion Enterprises will have an "Afternoon Garden Tea Party" featuring it's Couture Hat Line "Exclusively Yours by Valerie," from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 1054 Sleepy Hollow Lane. For RSVP or further info call Joyce Anne Judd at 908-756-8503.

EAST ORANGE—77th Annual International Festival will be held at The Christ Episcopal Church 422 Main Street from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m. There will be music, food, games and arts and crafts. For more info 201-678-1160.

MONDAY JUNE 27

WESTFIELD—The Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County is offering a two hour workshop from 7 pm to 9 pm on "Finding Good Childcare." To register call 908-654-9854.

JUNE 27 & 28

NEWARK—All Newark students will be dismissed at 1 pm. For more information please call local school.

TUESDAY JUNE 28

ELIZABETH—Community Access Unlimited will have a meeting on the Home Share Program of Union County. It is an alternative housing option for those wanting to share their homes and those seeking housing. If interested, a meeting is scheduled at 80 West Grand St from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more info contact Sophia Smith at 908-354-3040.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 29

NEWARK—The Newark Board of Education has rescheduled its regularly scheduled meeting due to graduation ceremonies. The new time is 5:30 p.m. For more info call 201-733-7360.

John E. Jacob named VP at Anheuser-Busch

John E. Jacob, recently retired president and chief executive officer of the National Urban League, has been named executive vice president and chief communications officer at Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc., effective July 1.

In his new position, Jacob, 59, will direct the company's communications activities, with a special emphasis on community, industry and public concerns, and other major issues facing Anheuser-Busch. He will also serve as a member of the company's senior management team, taking part in decision making on matters of basic policy and overall strategic direction.



Walter Dean Myers receives honorary doctorate degree



JERSEY CITY—Walter Dean Myers (second from right) of Jersey City, a prize-winning author of fiction and non-fiction books for children and young adults recently received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Jersey City State College. Following the ceremony, Dr. Carlos Hernandez (left), president of the College, and John Moore, chair of the JCSC Board of Trustees, and Purviben Trivedi (right) of Jersey City, president of the senior class congratulated Myers, whose works have received such prestigious honors as the Coretta Scott King Author Award and the Newberry Honor Book Award.

Coping

by Dr. Charles Faulkner

Single mother wants to abandon family

Dear Dr. Faulkner:

I am ready to give my kids to a relative or a foster home, and abandon them, (because) I need to start a new life for myself. I am almost 40-years-old, divorced, with two kids—an 18-year-old daughter and an 11-year-old son. I have been divorced for 11 years and have raised my kids all by myself.

I really thought that I was doing a terrific job in raising my children. My daughter will graduate from high school, in June, and will go to college in September. She is doing well. The problem is my son. [There was a time when he respected] me and did everything that I asked him to do.

Recently, he told me that he wanted to go to a party with some of his buddies. I told him that he could go to the party if he promised to return home before 10:30 p.m. He had me worried to death when he got home at 11 a.m., in the morning. When I told him that he had disobeyed me, by failing to keep his promise to be home before 10:30 p.m., he said "F... You."

I was so stunned by this statement that I started trembling and almost began to cry. My son had never used profanity in the house. I am a gentle, loving mother who had never experienced this behavior from him. I even stay away from other people who are rude and discourteous.

He was wearing an expensive-looking jacket that I had never seen before. He did not have this jacket on when he left the house to go to the party, so I asked him where he got it and he answered, "one of my homies stole three jackets from the party that we went to and he gave me one of them." I was shocked by this statement. He was actually wearing stolen property, and wasn't reluctant to tell me that the jacket was stolen.

I have worked hard to give my children what they need. I had already bought my son several nice jackets and I could not understand why he was wearing this stolen jacket instead of the one I had bought him. I told him that he could not wear this stolen jacket and that he would have to give it back to the boy who had stolen it. He said to me, "I'm not giving nothing back to nobody. I like this jacket and I'm going to keep it." I demanded that he take the jacket off and give it to me, but he said, "Hell no. My homies gave the jacket to me and I'm going to keep it." Then he just went to his room.

This is an 11-year-old boy who has been raised without a father but whom I have given everything that he wanted. I had never even had an argument with him before the one about the stolen jacket.

What I have discovered is that there is another, ugly side to him that was hidden from me for all of his 11 years. It made me ask myself several questions: What is my son really like? Where did I go wrong in raising him? Where is he headed in life? What should I do?

My son has secretly joined a neighborhood gang that steals, maybe they use drugs. They seem to have more influence on him than I do. I am not prepared to deal with this kind of problem and I am seriously considering letting someone else raise my son. What else can I do? Please answer my letter.

Ms. W., South Carolina

Readers, what advice do you have for Ms. W.? Please write me at: P.O. Box 1774 Plainfield, NJ 07061.

Newark wins privatization awards

NEWARK—The City of Newark has received two awards for its privatization efforts with a state-of-the-art water treatment facility and its contract for street sweeping. The awards were presented by the National Council for public-private partnerships.

On March 1 of this year, Newark reached an agreement with the Professional Services Group (PSG), of Houston, Texas, for the company to perform day-to-day operations and to provide management and maintenance services at the City's new \$45 million water treatment facility, built last year.

The city had originally contracted to have one-third of the streets swept by a private company, after testing. It was found that the streets in the contract area were cleaner, and the city entered into a second contract for an additional third of the city streets to be swept.

"Our main goals in the privatization of street sweeping activities in the city of Newark were to

lower costs, to deliver comparable or better services at the lower cost and to improve productivity by increasing competition between municipal and contracted employees," said Newark's Mayor, Sharpe James. "This approach has already saved the city over \$1 million."

Nominations needed for '94 Newarker awards

NEWARK—Nominations are now open for the Newark Festival of People's Newarker Awards which celebrates the city's diverse population and the public is encouraged to participate.

The Newarker Awards recognize significant contributions in knitting the City together across ethnic, gender, age and economic lines, particularly in the neighborhoods, and by individuals who have not already received little or no public recognition.

Winners will be chosen by a blue ribbon panel of Dr. Alex Boyd, head of The Newark Public Library. Winners will be announced in early August and will receive their awards on Saturday, August 20, at the opening ceremony of the Festival in the PSE&G Plaza.

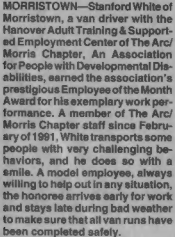
Nomination forms can be obtained by calling the festival hotline at 524-TEST or picked up at the Division of Recreation/Cultural Affairs in City Hall, Room B-15. The nomination deadline is Friday, July 22.

Gilbert Barker named employee of the month



NEWARK—Gilbert Barker of Newark was recently named employee of the month at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. Barker who is employed in the Environmental Service Department, was honored for assisting a patient in an emergency. Using wire cutters retrieved from his car, Barker was able to help ER staff extricate an infant's finger from a pacifier clip. His quick actions prevented serious long-term damage to the infant's finger. "I was surprised by the news, but I am honored that the medical center recognized the good I have done." The Employee of the Month selection is part of the center's "Thanks for Caring" Employee Recognition Program.

White named employee of the month



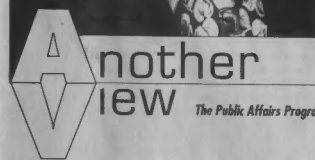
MORRISTOWN—Stanford White of Morristown, a van driver with the Hanover Adult Training & Supported Employment Center of The Arc/Morris Chapter, An Association for People with Developmental Disabilities, earned the association's prestigious Employee of the Month Award for his exemplary work performance. A member of The Arc/Morris Chapter staff since February of 1991, White transports some people with very challenging behaviors, and he does so with a smile. A model employee, always willing to help out in any situation, the honoree arrives early for work and stays late during bad weather to make sure that all van runs have been completed safely.



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National Black News SURVEY

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Black parents fear for children's safety and future

A pervasive fear of violence, the presence of guns, and the influence of drugs and gangs have left 77 percent of black adults worried about their own children or children they know becoming victims of violence. A study conducted by the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) and the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC) reports that an overwhelming majority (83 percent) of black adults say these are "Really bad times" (50 percent) or "Tough times" (33 percent) for black children and many worry that their children will not live to reach adulthood. The poll says that despite the obstacles they face, black children are more hopeful—75 percent feel these are very good times for them personally.

Plans announced to increase new business opportunities for black entrepreneurs

The National Black Business Council, Inc., and the Institute for the National Black Business Council, Inc., have started programs dedicated to black business development in the public and private sectors. At the National Press Club, National Black Business Council, Inc. president Greg Campbell said, "To strengthen and multiply black businesses, we have to look to economic solutions." By working in partnership with black organizations within the public and private sectors, we create an environment that fosters black business development. Through advocating on policy and legislative issues, sharing information on capital accumulation and education, we will create stronger black businesses that will hire more people and make bigger contributions all around.

Howard University medical team visits Ghana

by Kwoesi Judah and Afua Judah

A delegation of doctors, plus one photographer/medical recorder, from Howard University, led by Dr. Etienne A. Massac, arrived in Ghana for a scheduled two week visit to donate medical services free of charge. The visit has its origin in a true life story, with a happy ending which simply has to be told. In June 1993, Imakhus Robinson, an arrested Diasporan who runs an educational sponsorship program, was looking for any assistance she could find to help a fourteen year-old Ghanaian boy. The young Prince Edmond Otisibu had a life-threatening tumor growing out of his mouth. Unable to get help from local quacks, Imakhus heard that Minister Farnakhan-leader of the Nation of Islam, was in Accra after attending a conference in Gabon, so she set off in search of him. As luck would have it, she caught up with him at the airport as he was leaving and explained the situation. The Minister's immediate response was that if the boy could get to the U.S., the Nation of Islam would see to it that the Young Prince was operated on. By the help of President J.J. Rawlings and the Ghanaian government, and through fund-raising by the Nation of Islam, the Young Prince made it to the U.S., where he was successfully operated on by Dr. Etienne Massac and his team.

When Dr. Massac informed Minister Akbar Muhammad, the Nation of Islam's African Representative, that they would not be going on a planned medical mission to Nigeria, due to the prevailing problems there, Minister Akbar suggested that they come to Ghana instead. From there Minister Akbar, with the Government of Ghana made all the necessary arrangements for the mission to be a success. The members of the team are as fol-

lows: Dr. Etienne A. Massac—plastic and reconstructive surgeon, Dr. Epi Williams—general surgeon, Dr. Marceline Regis—pediatrician, Dr. Anthony Regis—anesthesiologist, Dr. Kwame Bahuwa—Edusei—medical doctor, Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad—general surgeon and N.O.I. Minister of Health, Jahnel Massac—photographer/medical recorder.

The medical team's visit consisted of a press conference at the Ministry of Health, a sight-seeing tour around the capital of Accra, all day clinics where they attended to patients, a journey to Cape Coast, site of the infamous slave dungeons, and a visit to the W.E.B. Dubois Center for Pan African Culture. The visit ended with a Nation of Islam meeting, and Minister Akbar Muhammad gave an inspirational interpretation of societal factors affecting black people globally.

Dr. Massac stated that he had been particularly touched when the people of the village gave him the best gift they had. "It was comparable to being given a luxury car like a Rolls Royce or a luxury home, when one considers how deprived the people are."

Also traveling with the team was the dynamic Jerry Roebuck, founder and president of Black EXPO, USA, and his chief executive consultant, Bill Cherry, acknowledged as an all-time great event coordinator. They plan to hold the first International Black EXPO in December 1995 at the Accra Trade Fair site, and wanted to travel with the doctors to assess the health needs of a cross section of the Ghanaian public, with advice from experts. It is their intention to set up a health fair at the intended Black EXPO '95, at which Diasporan doctors can interact with Ghanaian medical practitioners and assist in the direct treatment of the people.



From left to right, on board a Ghanaian ship giving services to villages on the Volta River, Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad national spokesman and minister of health for the Nation of Islam, Akbar Muhammad the African representative of the Nation of Islam Jerry Roebuck chairman and founder of Black Expo USA, Bill Cherry chief consultant to Jerry Roebuck.

Ron Brown leads business mission to South America

WASHINGTON DC— Commerce Secretary Ronald H. Brown is leading a presidential Business Development Mission to Brazil, Argentina and Chile, through July 2. Accompanying Secretary Brown on the South American mission will be twenty-two CEOs and presidents of U.S. companies, one U.S. Governor and representatives of other U.S. government agencies involved in export promotion trade development, and financing.

The unprecedented mission will further promote the market liberalization, privatization and increased economic integration already taking root in South America. Recent progress in these areas has led to job creation, economic growth and increased investment and business opportunities for the United States and South America. The mission is concentrated in five major U.S. industry sectors: telecommunications; energy; environmental technologies; finance; and tourism. The companies involved either have ongoing business in the countries or are seeking new opportunities to enter the market.

"We already see the tremendous benefits of the North American Free Trade Agreement. This mission is an historic stepping stone to the Clinton administration's ideal of a hemispheric free trade zone," stated Secretary Brown. "Chile, Argentina,

and Brazil represent immense market opportunities for U.S. businesses. As we continue to tear down market barriers, trade within the hemisphere becomes the driver of increased U.S. job opportunities, and sustainable economic growth for the entire hemisphere."

The twenty-two CEOs and presidents of the companies involved in the mission will meet with senior officials and top business leaders in each of the countries to discuss ongoing business negotiations, conclude major projects, and initiate new investments or contracts for future commercial relations. The secretary and the delegation will travel to Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and Brasilia in Brazil, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Santiago, Chile.

Throughout the mission, Secretary Brown will be laying important groundwork for the upcoming summit of the Americas scheduled for December in Miami, as announced by President Clinton. "As we prepare for the Summit of the Americas, let us think boldly and set forth a vision of progress for all our people. Let us begin the work of building a genuine new community for all of us in the hemisphere," stated President Clinton.

"Brazil, Argentina and Chile are among the best markets in the region in terms of challenge and opportunity for the U.S. business community. They

not only offer short-term potential sales and profit but also new industry developments and increased market share in the long-run. Now is the time to take advantage of the powerful democratic and trade liberalization trends sweeping the hemisphere so we can assure our increased trade and interdependence will inevitably lead to mutual economic growth and stability," said Secretary Brown.

Jaguar sacks official

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then it would have been the same old people telling the same old story, just as they've always done. Jaguar sells one of every 10 of its U.S. sales to blacks, but they, and I don't mean just Crawford, don't see us as eating lunches and they don't hire or advertise with us. Ford and Jaguar need to note that Crawford's remark reveals just the tip of the iceberg of a bigger problem of "omission" of blacks rather than just offending us. Firing him won't end the problem, they need to make a public apology to blacks and state what they are going to do to make things better all around."

One on one with City News

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You can't build a wall around the cities and pretend that you're not important to you—whether you live in the suburbs or the rural areas. Whatever happens in the cities will affect our entire community in the state of New Jersey. We all have to advance together," said Bradley.

The Senator suggests that the state of New Jersey must get beyond the bureaucratic programs of the 1960s and neglect of the 1980s and to policy to improve the people today who are serving the urban communities. "Those are often churches, mosques, and community development corporations. They have to be empowered even more to do what they are already doing to help and improve the future of the members of the urban communities."

A series of these possible solutions including making it easier for urban communities to have access to credit, greater security and entrepreneurship which will connect them to jobs. "Keeping the schools open in the afternoon and the evening so that community groups can come in and provide mentoring programs. Community police working with members of the community to achieve what the urban residents want, which is greater security, entrepreneurship training at local community colleges, connecting people to jobs, and trying to get the government to work with all levels of the community to try to tackle the three major problems which are, violence, poverty and family disintegration."

Bradley was encouraged with passage of the Urban Enterprise Zones (UEZ) legislation last year in Congress. In that bill the Senator "carved out" two of the UEZ's that could come to New Jersey. One is for a city under 500,000 population. Newark would be positioned for that one. The other is a bi-state zone that would include Philadelphia and Camden. Competition will end in October with applications to be submitted by June 30, 1994.

Dr. Johnson agreed that all of these issues are important to urban communities, but what seems to be missing are efforts to create jobs in those communities. The Senator suggests that the way to promote job development activity is to give the members of the urban community greater access to credit so that businesses can start hiring them for jobs. The Community Development Bank Legislation is nearing completion. "When we get that, we would have dramatically increased the amount of capital that is available to businesses in the cities for investments from loan funds and also from the provision that will essentially provide easier access to banks that are in the area" assures Bradley.

Dr. Johnson said that it was his

understanding that those funds were not going to be \$200 and below—not enough for growing businesses. The Senator explained that that's for credit union loans. "The economic development loan fund will provide larger amounts of money and the program with the banks will provide credit and larger amounts of money as well."

To follow up, Dr. Johnson, who also publishes the Minority Business Journal, raised the point that the federal government gave Ben and Jerry's \$800,000 to go to Poland and trained people to become entrepreneurs. They also sent a team to train Russians, yet the same initiative has not occurred in this country for small businesses in the urban community. Referring to the UEZ Legislation that he wrote last year, Bradley stated that, "One of the criteria by which a zone or city is going to be selected, is whether they've created an entrepreneurship training program and that would envision training local business people who need training in anything from bookkeeping to managing inventories or whatever, and giving them access to the local community colleges so that they can get that training on how to manage a business." Another bill that was introduced by the Senator a couple of years ago and is in law and available in New Jersey, for the first time ever, will provide income contingent loans so that a person can get a loan to go to the next level of college to learn about business and pay the loan back out of their future income. According to the Senator these loans will be available at a number of colleges in New Jersey.

In a very frank discussion, Johnson brought to the Senator's attention that many business men and women in the urban communities feel that the focus is on colleges, and this is just another way to give grants to colleges and universities and the loans are not going to small businesses to create jobs and hire people. "Unfortunately many of the people in my community, and I talk to business people, feel that those are no more than just other ways of giving grants to the colleges and universities and do not go to help small businesses expand so that they can create jobs in an honest fashion," Johnson commented.

Bradley replied that the loans go to individuals. "They go to individuals. The person who gets the income contingent loan is the individual who would go to college and then it would be up to him or her what he wants to do." Bradley continued, "In terms of loans directed to businesses, community development loan funds, the increased credit union use, as well as the program that will require banks to loan more money in areas they serve are the major new vehicles that were not available this time last year for business expansion in urban areas. I

think those efforts will have an impact on the availability of capital for urban businesses."

This was the first in a series of phone interviews with local publishers and Senator Bradley to address issues of importance to the community.

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EDITORIAL

Those of us who were deeply affected by this past week's reports can only hope that O.J. is really innocent and that the evidence to prove that will be brought to light. In the meantime, we witness the national mainstream media exploiting the fall of an African-American hero and friend. Ever since the story broke last Sunday, O.J. was already painted as a criminal.

It is up to us, to examine this case objectively as it unfolds, weigh the evidence presented to us, and report the facts.

If O.J. was set-up or framed, then hopefully, the truth will come to light. Whatever happens, his life and the lives of his children and family will never be the same. For Nicole Brown Simpson, and Ronald Goldman, theirs have tragically ended, undoubtedly much too soon.

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JUNE 22 & 29

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Public Library children's section will have "Tame Day" for all ages. 3:30 p.m. For more info call 908-57-1111.

JUNE 23 - 25

LINCROFT—The Premier Theatre Company will present the musical "Annie" directed by Mark E. Fleming at the Henderson Theatre. Evening 5 Mainline available. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students and \$10 for children. For more info call 908-758-1118.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23 & 30

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Public Library children's section has scheduled a "Film" program at 4 p.m. For more info call 908-57-1111.

JUNE 22 & 25

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Soccer Club is organizing its 1994 Fall Soccer Program for city boys & girls ages 5-11. Registration will be held at Cedarbrook Soccer Field 9 a.m. till noon.

TUESDAY JUNE 21 & 28

PLAINFIELD—"Story Theatre" 3:30 p.m. in the children's room at Plainfield Public Library. For more info call 908-757-1111.

FRIDAY JUNE 24

PLAINFIELD—"Little People Story Time" 11 a.m. Ages 3-5. Plainfield Public Library. For more info call 908-757-1111.

SATURDAY JUNE 25

PLAINFIELD—"Mobiles" a craft program for ages 8 and up at the Plainfield Public Library. 10 a.m. For more info call 908-757-1111.

SUNDAY JUNE 26

NEWARK—The International Black Women's Congress will hold its first Genesis Rites of Passage ceremony at the Central Ward Boys and Girls Club at 4 p.m. For more info and reservations please call (201) 926-0570.

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BOE to run summer youth program

NEWARK—The Newark Board of Education's Summer Youth Development Program opens its doors to Newark children at 26 schools beginning July 5. This program is a safe haven for kids and structured so that children are provided with academic and social skills assistance, as well as recreation, arts and crafts, multicultural activities and drug counseling.

This program will operate for six-weeks, July 5-August 12, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2

p.m. and children will receive two free meals daily.

Recreational aides from the Newark Summer Youth Employment Program will receive on-the-job training while assisting the children under the direction of a managing team consisting of two teachers and two aides.

School locations are: Central Ward: Camden St., Cleveland Ave., LA Spencer, Miller St. and Quilman St.

East Ward: Ann St., Dayton St., Hawkins St., Lafayette St. and Oliver

St.;

North Ward: Abington Ave., Luis Muffoz Marin Middle, Elliott St., McKinley and Roberto Clemente.

South Ward: Avon Ave., G.W. Carver, Chancellor Ave., Chancellor Ave., Annex, and Peshine Ave.

West Ward: Alexander St., Dr. B. Alma Flagg, Dr. M.L. King, Lincoln and 13th Ave.

For more information contact Eluard Webster, Assistant Director, Office of Physical Education at 201-733-7344.



Members of the Washington Rock Girl Scout Chorus

Girl Scout chorus finish first season

be played in this country for the first time in 64-year history," said George Zeffring, chairman of the World Cup Host Committee.

Project 2000 is a program designed to expose inner-city youngsters to positive male role models who can influence attitudes toward school and academic achievement. "Often, the only adult male many minority youngsters are exposed to are outside the school environment and many of them do not see any correlation between education and their futures," said director Al Bundy.

In operation at Seton Hall since 1993, the program primarily enrolls children from single-parent, female-headed households. "We are thrilled that we can bring exposure to World Cup to third and fourth grade kids from Orange," Bundy said. "This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity will not only help to expand their horizons, it will serve to raise their understanding of both the fast-paced game of soccer and World Cup.

"They do know about the World Series, the Stanley Cup and Super Bowl. However, they have yet to learn about soccer and to be able to see a World Cup game being played in their own backyard is great. Some of them may be too young to understand the magnitude of this awesome event, but I'm certain that in years to come they will cherish the memory."

WESTFIELD—The Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Chorus, comprised of Girl Scouts of all ages—girls and adults—has completed its first season of singing songs of friendship, patriotism and tradition at Girl Scout events. Beginning their first public appearance at the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Awards and Recognition Dinner for Volunteers, the chorus brought their final performance to several hundred attendees at the Council's "Kaleidoscope" event held at Union County College in May. Members of the chorus group include: (bottom row, l-r) Michelle Wenger of South Plainfield, Allison Landau of Plainfield, Leigh Mary Baumwoth of Westfield, Dana Jackson and Elizabeth Jenkins Davis of Plainfield; (middle row, l-r) Jamie Leamon of North Plainfield, Jasmine Davis, Dawn Letostak and April Young of Plainfield, Erin Haber of Clark, and Jilisa Howard of South Plainfield; (top row, l-r) Katherine Jenkins Davis of Plainfield, Ann Pentikley of North Plainfield, June Chernetz, Skip Adams (choral director), and Betty Riker of Westfield, Louise Wanzor of South Plainfield, Priscilla Jenkins of Plainfield, and Noreen Wickwire and Maw Baumwoth of Westfield. Not available for the photo were Pat Cook of Plainfield and Mari McDewitt of Scotch Plains.



Rahim inducted into honor society

NEWARK—Mustafa Rahim, East Brunswick, has been inducted into the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society at NJIT. Tau Beta Pi is a national organization that recognizes students for their exemplary character and outstanding scholarship, and promotes a spirit of liberal culture and community service in engineering colleges.

Orange youth receive World Cup tickets

SOUTH ORANGE—Some third and fourth grade students in Seton Hall University's Project 2000 program will get an experience of a lifetime when they visit the Meadowlands to see their first World Cup played.

The children and their chaperones will be hosted by the World Cup Host Committee to watch Saudi

Arabia play Morocco at Giants Stadium on June 25.

"These youngsters will witness firsthand the thrill and excitement of World Cup soccer. I am honored that we have been given this unprecedented opportunity to expose inner-city kids like those with us today to this international extravaganza that will

Power up with books

JERSEY CITY—Registration for the eight-week summer reading program for children in the Jersey City area, in grades 1 through 8 will open in all library units Monday, June 27.

Children who cannot participate in the program at the Main Library or one of the 11 branches can sign up with the Library Bookmobile as it visits their neighborhoods.

During the summer children will power up with books, regarding health, nutrition, fitness, street safety and other issues that relate to a child's empowerment. The program will run from July 5 through August 24, and includes meetings of the reading club, crafts, weekly films and activities, including speakers and demonstrations.

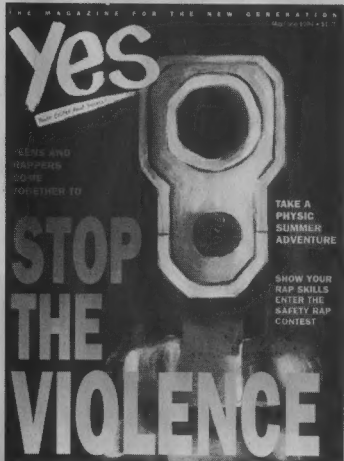
Children are encouraged to become "power readers" and will receive small rewards for reading one book, seven books, and fifteen books. Sixty-five children—the top five readers in each library unit—will receive program T-shirts. All children who have read at least one book will be invited to a field-day picnic in Lincoln Park on August 24.

As the children report on books they have read each week, they will be asked to suggest ideas for a Child's Bill of Rights. At the end of the reading program, the rights will be recorded and presented to Mayor Brett Schundler with a list of the names of the children who submitted the ideas.

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SATURDAY JUNE 25

EAST ORANGE—The first "Global March for Jesus" parade will start at 10 a.m. at Oval Park. For more info call 201-643-4688 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. or 201-672-6986 from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m.

JUNE 26 THRU JUNE 30

PERTH AMBOY—1994 Annual Holy Convocation "Holiness" will be at the Cathedral - Second Baptist Church. There will be speakers, workshops and special music by Rev. Raphael Green. For more info call 908-826-5292 or 926-8045.

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A man without a history

by C. Nickerson Bolden

How does one accept the liberty-setting knowledge of the truth after being programmed with falsehoods? According to the George Orwell classic, 1984, "he who controls the past controls the future." Another writer and columnist Manning Marable put it another way, "if you don't know where you are going, any road will take you there."

After so many decades in America, African Americans are beginning to question ancient theories and histories regarding the origin of civilization and the founding of America. As a result, many are getting a better sense of where they are going and which road to take.

Where one goes is often based on where one has been. For the African American, the road to self-discovery as a people had been blocked, closed for repair and congested with lies and a well-orchestrated plan of attack to hide truth, destroy self-esteem, tear down morale and weaken a nation.

On several occasions, as an occasional listener to Chicago-based radio station WLS-AM, I often hear a foreign-sounding frequent caller remark, "the black man is a man without a history." What's sad is that many, including African Americans, believe this. Worst yet, we have been brainwashed to think that the history of African Americans began with slavery.

The whole multi-cultural movement is based on erasing this fallacy. The text books support this notion by beginning American history with Christopher Columbus' discovery. Yet, today in South America, there are statues carved out of rock with clearly Negroid features. These statues have been carbonated to be from the era of 8000 BC, meaning that someone who either was African or liked the looks of Africans was in America carving rocks long before Columbus.

No mention is given of people of color in American history except slavery and conquest of the Native Americans.

Archeological studies as retold by the British Museum, *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe* and *The Chicago Tribune* document that there was an advanced nation known as Nubia with its own alphabet, art, political system and mechanical wheel, within in the year 4,500 BC, more than 3000 years before there was a Greece or a Rome. Nubia was a black nation and was the center of intellectual knowledge long before the Greek philosophers came into fame.

Biblically speaking, the origin of mankind is in Africa, despite attempts by some scholars to move the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers—the central location of the Garden of Eden, out of Africa and into Asia.

Yet, despite the African foundation upon which both the Jewish and Christian faith rests, distorted historians teach that slavery was necessary because Africans were savages and needed religion to save their souls.

The reasoning was that European slave owners were moral and civilized and wanted the whole world to be

likewise. Therefore slavery was justified to institute morality for the allegedly uncivilized African race being transported to America. This philosophy also freed the conscience of any guilt an advocate of slavery might hold.

For this reason, many have been led astray from the teachings of Christianity, feeling that the Bible is a "white man's book." Nothing could be further from the truth given that the truth is known and researched for the benefit of setting the oppressed free.

What is our concept of reality? How is that concept of reality tied to conceptions or misconceptions of the past? What about the manipulation of images and who is responsible for the manipulation in our lives? Inaccurate information about history will determine our outlook.

Nick Bolden is a licensed minister of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World and an Indianapolis-based educator.

Health Calendar

EVERY SATURDAY

WEST ORANGE—The Northern NJ Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, sponsors a free swim program at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, 9:30-11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Carol or Laurie at 201-984-6667.

EVERY TUESDAY

IRVINGTON—Free WIC & Lead Testing, 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. at the Irvington Health Dept. For pregnant and nursing women from birth to 5 yrs. old, lead poisoning and anemia children. Blood Tests are free, walk-ins are welcomed.

EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

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MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

NEWARK—Free confidential AIDS counseling and testing, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Newark Community Health Centers, 101 Ludlow St. Call 201-565-0255 for appointment, or Plainfield Health Center at 908-753-6401.

ELIZABETH—The Elizabeth Center for Planned Parenthood is offering a low-cost cancer screening for women over 40 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pap test, cervical and breast exam and blood pressure check, for \$15. Appointment only, call 908-351-5384.

THURSDAY JUNE 30

WESTFIELD—Addiction and Release: Myths & Realities, seminar will be held at the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County 300 North Ave East, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be taught by Kenneth A. Dickinson, MS, Ph.D. Community Relations at Medical Center at Princeton. Cost is \$45 in advance \$50 at door. To register call NCADD at 908-233-8810.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24-25

CHERRY HILL—Easter Seal 24 hour Relay. For 24 consecutive hours, teams of 21 members will walk, run or wheel themselves around the track in relay fashion. Money raised will provide services for the disabled. For further information call 1-800-468-0027.

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Newark HHS offers WIC to mothers-to-be and infants

NEWARK—The Newark Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Division of Public Welfare has launched a drive to increase the number of Newark women participating in its Supplemental Food Program, coordinated through the Women's Infants' and Children's (W.I.C.) program.

The program offers free milk, infant formula, cereal, eggs, peanut butter or beans, cheese and juice, as well as medical screening for weight,

height and anemia.

Esther C. Ohen, W.I.C. program coordinator, said the eligible candidates include women who are pregnant or who are breast feeding or have infants and/or children under five. In addition, diet counseling, health care assistance and breast feeding counseling are provided through the free, Supplemental Food Program.

Mayor Sharpe James said, "The health department and welfare division should be commended for this

innovative program, which fills a vital nutritional and health care need for both mother and child. To be able to learn on the same levels as other children all youngsters are entitled to well-balanced meals, health care and other necessary resources right from the start. As an educator, I know that the only way to help ensure a sound body and mind is through good nutrition—before birth and right on into a child's early years." For more details call 733-7608.

Dudley House celebrates 20 years

PLAINFIELD—On Saturday, June 25, 1994, Dudley House will celebrate 20 years of recovery service to the community with a 12-Hour Alcahthon. The 12-hour day of 12 Steps and 12 traditions will be held at Dudley House, 930 Putnam Avenue, Plainfield. The Alcahthon will be held from 12 noon to 12 midnight.

Dudley House, a 15 bed halfway house for adult males recovering from alcohol and drug abuse opened its doors on June 5, 1972. At that time, Plainfield was lauded by the nationally known Rutgers Center for Alcoholism Studies as a project that could be a model for other communities.

"The entire City of Plainfield should be proud of Dudley House's

20 years of service to this community," says Mayor Mark A. Fury. "Those sponsoring the study and program believed that Plainfield was one of the few smaller cities in the Northeast which had undertaken a pilot program to try to rehabilitate alcoholism. Dudley House was able to establish data early in the operational stages, and then was able to measure client and community changes that occurred as a result of the program. Carol Anderson, Director of Project Alert, stated that, "the staff and board are extremely proud and gratified by the work that is accomplished here."

For more information, contact Carol Anderson 908-753-3473.

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TRENTON—Summer is the time for family vacations and get-a-ways and people are usually gone from their homes for long periods of time.

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- Never leave keys outside where they can be found easily.
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- Never announce your absence on your answering machine.

- Always notify the police when you go away on vacation.
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JUNE 22 THRU JULY 5

NEW YORK—Film Forum will have the U.S. premiere of "Freedom On My Mind" at its theatre at 205 West Houston Street (W of 6th Ave). Screenings daily. For more info call (212)727-8110.

THURSDAY JUNE 23

NEWARK—The Newark Museum Council will host the fourth annual "Jazz in Bloom" outdoor jazz reception featuring Houston Person & Elta Jones from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit The Newark Museum. For more info call (201)596-6550.

FRIDAY JUNE 24

NEW BRUNSWICK—The Flatiron River Club will be featuring vocalist Judy Baby. Time 8 p.m. - 12 p.m. No Cover - No Minimum. For reservations and info call (908)545-6110.

SOUTH AMBOY—Club Bene will be presenting "Kool and the Gang" at its dinner theatre on Rt.35 for two shows 8 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Optional dinner at 6:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. For info and/or reservations call (908)727-3000.

NEWARK—The Priority Restaurant will be presenting The Eddie Allen Quintet in the atrium of St. Joseph's Plaza 323 West Market Street from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Trumpet player Eddie Allen is teamed up with alto saxophonist Donald Harrison, pianist Bruce Barth, and drummer Yoron Israel for a night of good jazz. For more info call (201)242-8012.

NOW THROUGH JUNE 26

MONTCLAIR—The Montclair Museum will be offering the following exhibits: The Hand and the Spirit, Navajo and Rio Grande Textiles, 300 Years of Art in America: Masterworks from the Montclair Art Museum. For more information call (201)746-5555.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 29

NEW YORK—Shore Fire Media will present Terence Blanchard at the Columbia Jazz Jam at Bryant Park 42nd St and 6th Ave at 4 p.m. For more info call Seth Cohen or Amy Boxenbom at (718) 522-7171. FREE!!

THURSDAY JUNE 30

NEWARK—The Newark Museum will start their Garden Jazz series with The Ebony Brass Quintet from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the beautiful Alice Ransom Overkuss Memorial Garden of the Museum. The concert is Free. For more info please call (201)596-6550; groups please call (201)596-6615.

FRIDAY JULY 1

NEWARK—The Priority Restaurant located at 323 West Market Street, in the atrium of the St. Joseph Plaza will host an All American Hammond B-3 Organ Jazz Open Jam with Organist Radam Schwartz, Bruce Williams, on saxophones, Geary Moore guitar, Cecil Brooks III on drums and anyone else that drops in with their instrument!! For more info call (201)242-8012. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 9

NEW YORK—Modern Furniture in the Collection of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, an installation of furniture masterpieces drawn entirely from the museum's remarkably rich collection, will be on view in the 20th Century Design gallery. For further information call 212-570-3851.

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A Conversation with El DeBarge



Q: There are a variety of different producers on your album from Babyface, to Germaine Dupri. What was the reasoning for selecting such a diverse group of producers?

A: I wanted to express the variations of my musical influence. Germaine Dupri helped me with the up tempo stuff and of course Baby Face helped me with the ballads.

Q: What was it like working with Baby Face?

A: It was great working with Baby Face. He's a professional and a perfectionist, a lot like I am. He and I were a very good blend. Wonderful.

Q: In what ways does *Hears, Mind, and Soul* differ from *In the Storm* (your solo debut album)?

A: It doesn't differ at all. It's an extension of *In the Storm*.

Q: Do you think you'll be working on another collaboration project with Quincy Jones like you did in *Secret Garden*?

A: I don't have any plans to right now.

Q: Who or what is your inspiration and explain how it influenced your career?

A: I have a lot of people who inspired me. Gospel music was an inspiration to me. Marvin Gaye was a great influence to me; the Isley Brothers, Sly Stone, Earth, Wind and Fire, they helped to sharpen my musical skills.

Q: When will the album be released?

A: The album is out right now. "Heart, Mind, and Soul."

Write a letter to save a show

VIRGINIA—Viewers for Quality Television are asking fans of "South Central," Fox Broadcasting's canceled show, to write to Chairwoman Lucy Sathany and ask that the show be

reinstated. Sathany can be reached at Fox Broadcasting, Box 900, Beverly Hills Calif.; 90213-VQT also asks you to send a copy to its office: P.O. box 195, Fairfax Station, Va. 22039.

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Jazz student wins Downbeat Magazine Student Award

WAYNE—Judy Baby, a jazz major at William Paterson College in Wayne, has been named "Outstanding College Vocalist" in the 17th annual DOWN BEAT magazine Student Music Awards. In the same competition, the WPC Chamber Jazz Ensemble earned an "Outstanding Performance" award.

The awards, announced in the May, 1994 issue of the magazine are designed to honor the accomplishments of outstanding junior high, high school, and college jazz, classical and pop soloists and ensembles, as well as arrangers and recording engineers.

The DOWN BEAT awards are among the most prestigious in the nation," says David Demsey, coordinator of WPC's nationally acclaimed Jazz Studies Program which was inaugurated in 1973. "Both Judy Baby and the ensemble competed against students from nearly all the major nationally recognized jazz programs across the country, so these awards are truly a great honor." Baby, a resident of Jersey City, is a native of Michigan. Encouraged to move to the

Sonny Sharrock, widely regarded as the progenitor of "free jazz" and "noise" guitar, passed away last week unexpectedly. Born on August 27, 1940, Sharrock dreamed of playing saxophone, but asthma forced him to switch to guitar—a momentous change when considering the body of work he would later build upon as musician and composer. "When you hear great musicians play, it should really mess you up a bit," Sharrock observed a few weeks ago. "It's like falling in love...you're scared, you're frightened, and great music should be that way. It should really shake up your life."

American Jazz Orchestra, among others. One of several student performing groups associated with the college's Jazz Studies Program, the ensemble includes David Detweiler of Houston, Texas, saxophone; Lars Akesson of Stockholm, Sweden, guitar; Ian MacDonald of Schenectady, New York, piano; John Herbert of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, bass; and Russell Meisner of North York, Ontario, Canada, drums.



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Business Calendar

Every 3rd Tuesday

NEW YORK—The Black Public Relations Society of Greater New York will have general membership meetings at the Hudson-Marriott, 230 Park Ave. South (entrance on 19th St.) 2nd floor conference room. Members \$10, non-members \$15. For more info call (212) 614-4599.

Every 1st Friday

NEWARK—Business network, buffet, and dance party. Every 1st Friday of the month at Sheraton Inn Newark Airport (Rts. 1 & 9 North), 5:30 p.m. - 1 p.m. \$10 fee, \$7 before 8 p.m.

Thursday June 23

PLAINFIELD—United National Bank's Community Education Center will hold a free workshop for women entitled "Changing Careers." Space is limited. Advance registration is required: 10 a.m. to 12 noon. For more info call Dorothy Polard at (908) 756-5000.

Saturday June 25

EAST RUTHERFORD—"Buying a Franchise: How to Make the Right Choice" a three hour seminar to be held at the Fairview Hilton Hotel, 3 Tower Center Blvd. It is presented by the N.J. Minority Business Development Center and funded by the U.S. Dept. of Commerce's Minority Business Dev. Agency. Advance registration is required. For more info please call (201) 249-5511.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will offer a free public seminar on "Wills and Estate Planning" at the N.J. Law Center, One Constitution Square, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Reservation required. Call 1-800-FREE LAW, ext. 7525 or 7521.

Tuesday, June 28

NEW BRUNSWICK—There will be a General Meeting of the N.J. Minority Business Branch Trust, Inc. on Tuesday June 28 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1700 Corporate Blvd., 7 p.m. \$5 non-member registration fee.

Wednesday June 29

NEWARK—The New Jersey Art Service Development Office will have a workshop on "Effective Business Communications" presented by Mr. Donald Crookes, a well known organizational development consultant. It will be held at Newark International Airport. Registration required. (201) 981-4278. Free.

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Assembly bills passed to ensure quality of life for New Jersey residents

TRENTON—Minors who are 14 years of age or older would be permitted to work as volunteers for nonprofit organizations engaged in the construction of affordable housing under legislation recently approved by the Assembly Insurance Committee.

Assemblyman Harry McInroe (D-Essex) sponsored the bill (A-265), which applies only to construction done by nonprofit groups.

"Home ownership is part of the American dream and we should not discourage our young people from volunteering their efforts to turn that dream into a reality for New Jersey residents," McInroe said.

"By amending existing child labor laws and providing additional safeguards for minors engaged in nonprofit construction, we can clear the path for volunteerism while providing for the safety of the kids who are involved."

McInroe said the legislation requires adult supervision for the volunteers and stipulates that minors must use the appropriate safety equipment mandated by law. Additional provisions would prohibit minors from operating or servicing power-driven machinery, and protect volunteers from exposure to hazardous substances.

The bill requires nonprofit organizations that utilize the volunteers to provide them with adequate insurance under general tort liability standards. The assemblyman said this provision was necessary because the bill specifically excludes these volunteers from the provisions of the workers' compensation law.

Bill approved to raise age to purchase handguns

In the wake of a federal report that confirmed crimes involving the use of handguns has reached an all-time high, the Assembly has approved legislation that would further restrict their purchase in New Jersey and impose tougher penalties

BUSINESS EXCHANGE

Do you know the meaning of capitalism?

by William Reed

When it comes to us gaining social and economic parity in America, the majority of us seem to be waiting for Jesus to come. In this land of capitalism, and free-enterprise, the bulk of our kind continually refuse to do anything that might compromise sense when it comes to doing the type of things that can help more of us reach the American Dream. Ask any African American man or woman you see, "Do you know the meaning of capitalism and how it works?" and they will tell you, "Of course I do!" But then you should put the "out-come" statistics in front of them and ask, "Then how is it that you expect our race to grow when in 1990 we spent only three cents of each of the \$300 billion we had in our collective pockets that year with each other?" Even though statistically we know

that black-owned-and-operated businesses have an established track record of hiring 80 to 90 percent of their employees from our community, why is it that they don't get the support they need from the black community? If we know so much about capitalism, why is it that the majority of us don't realize that unless we retain a larger percentage of our money in our communities and stimulate businesses and banks to create jobs and capital for us, we will always be slaves to others? The outcome for our earthly dreams is that we will have to exhibit our own self-help and independence or wait until Jesus comes again to save us.

Who among us doesn't believe that Heaven helps those who help themselves? When are we going to look around and see the answer to our economic woes? Although Asians have less than 20 percent of the population numbers of African

Americans, they have a record of spending 80 cents out of each of their dollars with each other. While Asians seem to govern their normal way to buy from each other, the record shows that blacks seem to go out of their way to avoid their kind for retail products and services. America's Jews comprise less than six percent of the U.S. population, but they control three times their number in the nation's wealth. Jews also buy from each other, sell to each other and mostly hire only each other. Neither Jewish people, Asian or Arabs passed gaining their American Dream (political empowerment) the way we did. Neither whites, Jews nor Asians consider politicians to be their "leaders," they simply use them as "public servants" to make, pass and enforce laws to enable them to have commerce as they wish.

We each have daily needs that have to be addressed. When will we realize that the power of the consumer

dollar, that we spend every day, has more power over the direction of our collective lives than the political ballot? When will our experts in capitalism figure out that when we buy gas, shoes, cars or bread we are stimulating the growth of jobs and commerce for someone else other than our own? When we buy gas, cars, bread or shoes from a Brother's Bailey's outlet, we are making the way for that black businessman to hire and train one, or more, of us. Since the 1980s the number of black families making \$50,000 a year has increased from 762,000 to 1.2 million families and the numbers of those of us in managerial and professional specialty occupations grew from 1 million to nearly 2 million. But this has not helped the majority of blacks, because these African Americans took their money and investment potential and went to suburbia and its malls and split levels. The wealthier, and the not-so

wealthy blacks need to realize that when we save our money in a black bank, or invest with others of us in a theater or inner-city convenience store, we help all of us ascend to a higher economic plane.

On the other hand, the Lord knows that Divine help needs to be given to many black entrepreneurs. They have to learn effectively that in the land of capitalist mutual support grows from mutual respect. Black business owners must move to make sure that those of us who come into their restaurants, service shops or dry cleaning establishments shouldn't have to stand in line or receive inferior products or service. Along with the product or service necessity that they provide and the vision and courage it takes to start off on the road to entrepreneurship, blacks in the business of serving other blacks will always have to be aware of our broad-based need for simple respect.

June 19-25 SBDC week

NEWARK—an has proclaimed June 19-25 "New Jersey Small Business Development Center Week." In a proclamation, the Governor cites the statewide organization's seventeen year record of providing free management consulting, affordable training and critical information to the State's entrepreneurs, and recognizes the SBDC's role in creating new jobs for New Jersey citizens.

During "New Jersey Small Business Development Center Week" members of the SBDC's professional staff will be available to discuss small business ownership at an exhibit in the State House Rotunda in Trenton. The exhibit, which showcases the SBDC's management, international trade, procurement, technology and information services, is open to the public 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Kicking off the week, a reception honoring the SBDC's program leaders and winners of the SBDC's Annual Success Awards will be held on Monday, June 20, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at Edison State College in Trenton. Award recipients include small business owners from throughout the State who have overcome significant obstacles in launching and growing their companies, and the SBDC pri-

vate-sector consultants who provide management assistance.

Also, New Jersey Commissioner of Commerce Gualberto Medina, U.S. Small Business Administration Regional Administrator Thomas Betttridge and members of the New Jersey legislature have been invited to hear testimony presented at the reception by entrepreneurs regarding their experiences managing small firms in New Jersey.

The NJSSDC network is headquartered at Rutgers Graduate School of Management and has full-service regional centers and part-time satellite offices in every county. For information about SBDC locations, training events and available services, call 1-800-432-1832.

SBA announces changes in access to on-line service

NEWARK—The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has announced changes in the way small business owners can access SBA On-Line, the Agency's popular computer-based electronic bulletin board, it was announced today.

SBA On-Line provides a fast and easy way for small business owners to access and retrieve information about SBA programs and services from anywhere in the U.S. with the use of a computer and modem. According to SBA Administrator Erskine Bowles, the changes in access to SBA On-Line were necessitated by the large volume of calls the system has been receiving and the addition of new services the SBA has added to the system.

The SBA and SPRINT will provide a free 800 number for small business owners interested in retrieving all menu items related to SBA services and information from other government agencies. The phone number needed to access this information is 1-800-697-4636.

A 900 number has also been added to the SBA On-Line system, giving users access to mailbox functions and allowing them to communicate with other small business owners. An additional feature to the 900 number is the gateway function, which allows users to access other government on-line services. The phone number to access the mailbox and gateway features is 1-900-463-4636.

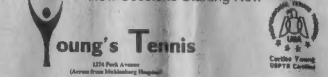
The 900 number will also be provided by SPRINT on a highly subsidized basis. SPRINT will provide a full free minute for connect time between a caller is charged 30 cents for the first minute and 10 cents for each additional minute on the 900 number. SBA and SPRINT anticipate an average 40 minute call to cost \$4.00. A cost-savings feature of the 900 number is "off-line mail reader" which allows users to download mail to their own computers, so they can read and answer mail at their leisure. "SBA On-Line has been an overwhelming success," said SBA Administrator Erskine Bowles. "The SBA has responded to its customers by providing them with relevant and timely information through a technology-enhanced operation."

"We certainly hope more of our customers will take advantage of the information available to them through SBA On-Line," added Bowles.

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Newark salutes Athletic Hall of Fame inductees

NEWARK—This year's inductees to the "Newark Athletic Hall of Fame (NAHF)" boast an illustrious field of men and women, including professional football players, female basketball stars, boxers and other outstanding athletes.

Mayor James recently saluted the 1994 "Hall of Fame" honorees, who will be honored at the annual NAHF Awards Banquet, Thursday, June 23 at the Mayfair Farms in West Orange.

Mayor James said, "as Mayor and a Hall of Fame member, it is indeed an honor to salute this outstanding group of men and women on their induction into the Newark Athletic Hall of Fame. They are all great athletes and individuals in their own right, proudly representing the best sports competition that the Gateway City has to offer."

The list of inductees include Vincent Aluisi, All-Metropolitan, All-State and All-County football for Saint Benedict Prep School; Greg Cordones, All-City, All-County and

All-State baseball for Central High School; Frank B. D'Antico, All-City, All-County and All-State baseball for East Side High School; Ted Del Guercio, Jr., All-State and All-County basketball for Central High School; Jack Drury, All-City and All-County basketball for Barringer; David "Dave" Goldfarb, All-City and All-County basketball for Central High School; Jerome "Jerry" Greco, All-star basketball player for West Side High School and Newark State (now Kean) College, as well as a championship coach for Barringer High School; Arthur Hooper, All-City and All-County football for Central High School; Edgar Jones, All-City, All-County and All-State basketball for Barringer High School; Emil Karlic, All-City and All-County basketball and basketball for East Side High School; Peggy Officer, only female to earn Varsity Basketball letter at Central High School until 1940; Larry Peccatiello, All-City and All-County basketball, baseball

and football for Barringer High School; Jack Robertson, All-State football for West Side High School; Lorraine Williams, four-year Varsity basketball letter for Shabazz High School and senior-year captain at Syracuse University.

Stanley "Tony" Woods, All-State football for Seton Hall Prep, All-American at University of Pittsburgh and professional player for Seattle Seahawks and Los Angeles Rams; Al Wujak, All-State football for Essex Catholic High School and letterman at Notre Dame University; John Allen, 35 years coaching football at Vailsburg High School, Seton Hall University and Kean College; Bill Horey, football coach at Weequahic and Glen Ridge High Schools; Matt Lynch, track star for First Regiment of New Jersey National Guard; Jack Maxwell, Newark's first African-American sports caster, and Harry "Doc" Sargent, championship coach in football, baseball and basketball for Central High School.

contact Clinton N. Dozier at 201-982-4711.

In addition The Newark Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Plainfield Division of Recreation will also participate in the Food Service Program. The Newark program will run from July 5 to September 2, and Plainfield's program will run from July 5 to August 26.

Newark mayor Sharpe James commented the program saying, "To

be able to learn on the same level as other children, economically disadvantaged youngsters—like all youth—need to eat nutritious, well-balanced meals. As an educator, I know that's the only way to help ensure a sound body and mind, and that need doesn't cease when the school-year ends and the summer vacation begins. The federal government is to be commended for this innovative program, which fills a need."

Safety tips for outdoor barbecuing

PLAINFIELD—It is 90 degrees outside, and you have invited family members over for dinner, you don't want to cook inside, and you don't want to send for take-out. So you decide to have a barbecue. This can be fun, but it can also be dangerous if you don't follow a few safety tips for your outdoor barbecue.

- Store all propane tanks outdoors in a cool shady area
- Always check for leaks in gas grills before each use.
- Inspect your grill for sturdiness annually. On gas grills, check all

tubes for obstructions and clean with a pipe cleaner.

- Keep all cookers a minimum of five feet from all buildings when in use and never cook under an overhang
- Always light grills with the hood open. When lighter fluid is used, keep the hood closed until away when lighting the grill. Never spray lighter fluid on hot lit coals.

Each year, thousands of people are injured by fireworks throughout the United States. Most of those injured are children and young adults.

In order to decrease the rate of fireworks injuries families should not use fireworks in their homes, or at all. If you are planning on seeing a fireworks display:

- Attend a public fireworks display where a trained and licensed operator will safely provide your holiday entertainment.
- Don't be one of the ones who gets hurt—Stay away from fireworks.
- Call the Police or Fire Division if you know of anyone who has fireworks.

As I see it

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par Parleviechio's name in nomination with a second offered by South Ward committeeman Kennedy Wilson who seemed to have trouble remembering his candidate's name.

Alberta Daniels of East Orange was returned to office as vice chairlady and Parleviechio's cousin, Mike Cortese was elected treasurer and Dorothy Merrick as secretary.

The N.J. Public Policy Research Institute recently held a reception for the African American appointees of Governor Christine Todd Whitman and in the spirit of togetherness there were more Democrats than Republicans at the affair.

For the record it must be noted Gov. Whitman has lost little time appointing minorities to administrative and advisory positions.

Among those feted by NIPRI were Lona Hooks, Secretary of State

and her assistant, Lathea Morris; John McCullough, communications assistant and Mary Cudjoe, interim director, MLK Commission.

Governor's Office personnel: Brian P. Scantellary, deputy chief of staff; Mary Singletary, director, Newark office; Tony Clark, director, Camden office; El Rhonda Williams, attorney. Employee relations and Cecil Wallace, aide to deputy chief of staff.

Also Kim Hunter and Louise Lester, assistant council in the Governor's Council office.

Others include Herbert H. Tate, Jr. president Board of Regulatory Commissioners and his chief of staff Ted Brown. Appointees to various boards and authorities: Elaine Harrington and Dr. Edward Verner, Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice; Shirley Jackson, Economic Master Plan; Pamela Miller, N.J. Highway Authority, Leroy

Robinson, Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission, Connie Woodruff, Essex County Board of Taxation.

From the Division of Commerce, Carl Smith, assistant commissioner; Division of Personnel, Asst. Commissioner Dr. Curtis Andrews and Ruby Marshall, Deputy Director, Division on Women.

The New Jersey Public Policy Research Institute is the state's best known African American Think Tank that concerns itself with identifying, analyzing and promulgating public policy issues significantly affecting New Jersey's black populace.

The 26-member organization is managed by an executive committee comprised of Richard Roper, president, Vivian Sanks-King, Esq., vice president finance; Walter Fields, vice president programs; Rebecca Doggett, treasurer and Leland McGe, secretary.

Cities host food program for kids

NEWARK—The Pre-College Program at UMDNJ will be participating in the 1994 Summer Food Service Program from July 5 to August 11. The Summer Food Service Program is a federal program of the Food and Nutrition Services and provides all children 18 years of age and under with the same free meal in accordance with a menu approved by the state agency regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age. For further information please contact

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USTA to host national junior tennis league

PLAINFIELD—The United States Tennis Association National Junior Tennis League (USTANJTL) of Plainfield will hold its registration at Park Madison on Saturday, June 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The program will run July 5 through August 26.

Participants can also register on

opening day from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1 p.m.-3 p.m. at Milt Campbell Park Hub Stone Field, Hannah Atkins Playground and Rushmore Playground.

USTANJTL of Plainfield will provide participants with T-shirts, racquets, balls, court time

and instruction for a fee. When registering on July 5, children should wear their sneakers to registration so they can join in the supervised on-court activity right away and bring a racquet if they have one. For additional information call 757-2327.

City of Elizabeth to host POW freedom run

ELIZABETH—The Ninth Annual POW/MIA Freedom Run will be held on Saturday, June 25, at Wananoan Park Stadium in Elizabeth. The race will consist of a 2-K and 5-K cross-country run.

Registration after June 21 will be \$10. A double entry fee is required if

running both races. Proceeds from the race will go to the New Jersey chapter of the National Forgive-Me-Not association for POW/MIAs.

Check-in will begin at 7:45 a.m. The 2-K race will begin at 9 a.m. and the 5-K race at 9:30 a.m. For more information call 908-355-2793.

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